

### Dumping of Newsprint

4440. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether dumping of newsprint in large quantity by U.S.A. Canada and Russia in India has been reported;
- (b) the number of complaints received regarding dumping of newsprint during the last one year;
- (c) the time taken to dispose of these complaints;
- (d) if so, the impact of dumping of newsprint on the production of domestic units; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to take anti-dumping measures stern and stricter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (e) The Designated Authority in the Ministry of Commerce has initiated anti-dumping investigations on 20.12.96 against imports of newsprint from USA, Canada and Russia based on a petition filed by Indian Newsprint Manufacturers Association. Under the provisions of Customs Tariff Act and the rules made thereunder, the Authority follows a quasi-Judicial procedure taking into account submissions made by all the interested parties before making any recommendations. The Authority investigates into the existence, degree and effect of the alleged dumping and the injury caused to the Domestic Industry, if any. The investigations in the case of newsprint are in progress and no provisional or final findings have been announced so far.

### Restructuring of H.M.T.

4441. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have cleared the restructuring plan submitted by Hindustan Machine Tools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether HMT is planning to divest non-core business activities and diversifying new growth areas;
- (d) if so, the details of the areas identified so far;
- (e) whether disinvestment package is likely to affect consumer goods section including Lamp division at Hyderabad;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken to revive loss making units of HMT ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Govt. of India has given in principle approval to HMT to convert individual business groups into Joint Venture Companies if it is in the interest of HMT to do so.

(b) HMT has already formed two Joint Venture Companies viz., (i) Sudmo-HMT Process Engineers (India) Ltd. with M/s. Sudmo Schleicher of Germany for marketing product-lines related to Dairy, Breweries and Allied Industries and (ii) Clearing-HMT Metal Forming Ltd. with M/s. Clearing Niagara Inc., USA for project engineering and marketing services for Metal Forming Machinery and equipment.

(c) to (f) Proposals are under consideration regarding converting HMT's Tractor Business Group into a Joint Venture Company and forming the Lamp Unit into a separate subsidiary of HMT.

(g) The Company is taking following steps inter-alia to revive loss making units

- Formation of Joint Ventures especially for the loss making Lamp and Watch Units.
- Higher value added product-mix.
- Improvement in inventory and debtors turnover ratio.
- Improvement of manpower productivity through innovative productivity aids.
- Re-training and re-skilling especially for employees of Lamps Unit.
- Reducing of manufacturing and marketing process time.
- Improvement in customer reach.
- Improvement in customer services.

[Translation]

### Women Courts in Delhi

4442. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether a huge number of cases are pending in the women courts which are functioning in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the number of cases pending for final

hearing in the courts till date;

(c) the reasons for piling up such cases;

(d) the action being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for speedy disposal of these pending cases; and

(e) the amount spent by the Central Government for setting up of these courts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (c) The Registry of Delhi High Court has informed that as on 1.3.97, 1667 cases are pending in Mahila Courts in Delhi, of them 94 cases are pending for final hearing. Further, keeping in view the population of Delhi and the pendency in other Sessions Courts and Courts of Metropolitan Magistrates, it cannot be said that there is any accumulation in the Mahila Courts.

(d) Monthly disposal statements are reviewed and Courts are inspected with a view to speeding up disposal of cases

(e) No additional expenditure was incurred in setting up these Mahila Courts.

[English]

#### LIC Housing Finance Co. Ltd.

4443 SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount provided by the L.I.C. to its Housing Finance Co. Ltd.;

(b) the details of companies offices functioning in Madhya Pradesh and the total amount provided for loan as on March 31, 1996 for each branch; and

(c) the eligibility conditions for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) The Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has informed that it has provided to the LIC Housing Finance Ltd. (LICHFL) Rs. 2421.42 crores from its inception

(b) LIC has informed that the LICHFL has four branches in Madhya Pradesh Their names and the details of disbursements of loan made by them since inception are as under

Office	Date of opening	Amount disbursed from inception
Bhopal	15.10.90	44.32 crores
Indore	01.11.90	68.22 crores
Raipur	17.12.93	6.57 crores
Jabalpur	22.02.93	31.95 crores
Total		151.06 crores

(c) LIC has informed that funds for disbursement are made available by the Corporate Office of LIC Housing Finance Ltd. to different area offices on the basis of disbursement plans drawn at the beginning of every year.

[Translation]

#### Use of Hindi

4444 SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has modern gadgets installed such as Computers, telex, teleprinting etc. which are in Roman Script and these are being converted into bilingual;

(b) if so, the manner in which these bilingual gadgets will be put into use by the Ministry;

(c) the manner in which the use of Hindi will be promoted;

(d) whether the Ministry has given exemption for use of Hindi to their Offices located in Region 'A' where work has to be done cent percent in Hindi; and

(e) if so, the reasons for giving such an exemption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) & (b) The Computers installed in the Ministry of Finance have a provision of Hindi software and most of the Telex machines and Electronic Typewriters are bilingual so that these could be used in Hindi also as and when required.

(c) All efforts are made to follow the provisions of the Official Language Act and the instructions issued by the Department of Official Language from time to time.

(d) No Sir

(e) Does not arise.